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SUBJ: TV COVERAGE KIM TAE-CHUNG CASE SEPTEMBER 6

1. IN CONTINUING INTENSE COVERAGE OF KIM TAE-CHUNG CASE, JAPANESE TV NEWS THURSDAY EVENING REPORTED DISAPPEARANCE OF KIM TAE-UI FROM HOME IN SEOUL. KIM TAE-UI IS YOUNGER BROTHER OF KIM TAE-CHUNG. TV NEWSCASTERS ATTRIBUTED DISAPPEARANCE TO KCIA. PRESS REPORTED FRIDAY MORNING THAT HE ARRESTED BY KCIA AGENTS.

2. NHK-TV NEWS LOCATED TOKYO RESIDENCE OF ROK EMBASSY FIRST SECRETARY KIM DONG WOON, WHOSE VOLUNTARY RETURN SUBMISSION TO POLICE QUESTIONING HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY GOJ AND REFUSED BY ROKG. RESIDENCE LOCATED IN NEIGHBORHOOD OF NON-EXISTENT ADDRESS KIM FURNISHED MOFA FOR DIPLOMATIC LIST. NHK-TV REPORTED THAT WIFE, TWO CHILDREN AND MAID DEPARTED JAPAN FOR SEOUL ON KAL FLIGHT THURSDAY AFTERNOON. ONLY OTHER SON REPORTED STUDYING IN US.

3. NHK-TV SHOWED KIM DONG WOON HOME IN SEOUL SUBURB.

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SISTER-IN-LAW, WHO CARING FOR HOUSE IN KIM ABSENCE, RELUCTANT

TO ANSWER NEWSMEN'S QUESTIONS. SHE FINALLY REPLIED ONLY THAT
KIM ON DIPLOMATIC ASSIGNMENT IN JAPAN, BUT DISCLAIMED ANY
KNOWLEDGE.

4. COMMENT: FACT THAT NHK-TV NEWSMEN LOCATED KIM DONG
WOON HOME IN SEOUL AND WERE NOT BARRED FREE ACCESS SEEMS
CURIOUS, CONSIDERING ISOLATION OF KIM TAE-CHUNG. ONE MIGHT
REASONABLY SPECULATE THAT SOMEONE IN AUTHORITY, OTHER
THAN KCIA FACILITATED NHK-TV SEARCH AND INTERVIEW.
SHOESMITH

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